GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS REQUIRED FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TAPAS Committee onuniversalisation of elementary education has made any assessment of funds required to achieve the objectives set under the programme;

(b) if so, whether the funding plan in this regard has been finalised;

(c) if so, the details of sources other than taxes;

(d) whether any offer for assistance from the World Bank has been received in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Tapas Majumdar Committee made an assessment of additional requirement of Rs.1,37,000 crores for Universalisation of Elementary Education over a period of 10 years. By following cost effective and convergent approaches, it is likely that the requirement of funds would be lower than the assessment made by the Majumdar Committee.

(b) & (c) : A process of community initiated preparation of District Elementary Education Planshas been started under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. These Plans will also project additionalrequirements for Universal Elementary Education. Though Central Plan allocation has been increased to Rs.3800 crores in 2001-2002, demand for more resources is likelyto come up in the coming years when all districts prepare their District Elementary Education Plans.

(d) & (e) : No formal offer for assistance for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been received from the World Bank.